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1. ANDHRA PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER J. VENGAL RAO REPORTEDLY
ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 19, AT HYDERABAD, THAT THE STATE
GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO
ENCOURAGE FAMILY PLANNING AMONG STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

2. AN EMPLOYEE HAVING TWO OR LESS LIVING CHILDREN WILL BE
GIVEN TWO ADVANCE INCREMENTS (PERIODIC STEP INCREASES)
IF THE EMPLOYEE OR HIS WIFE UNDERGOES STERILIZATION. AN
EMPLOYEE WITH THREE OR MORE LIVING CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN
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ONE ADVANCE INCREMENT IF THE EMPLOYEE OR HIS WIFE UNDERGOES

STERILIZATION.

3. LOANS AND ADVANCES AVAILABLE TO STATE EMPLOYEES WILL BE GIVEN ONLY TO EMPLOYEES WITH NOT MORE THAN TWO LIVING CHILDREN AND EMPLOYEES WITH MORE THAN TWO LIVING CHILDREN CAN AVAIL OF THESE LOANS ONLY IF THE EMPLOYEE OR HIS WIFE UNDERGOES STERILIZATION.

4. LEAVE TRAVEL CONCESSIONS, REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED ON CHILDREN, OR CONCESSIONS TO CHILDREN BASED ON CASTE, NORMALLY AVAILABLE TO STATE EMPLOYEES, WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR CHILDREN BORN AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1976, IF THE EMPLOYEE ALREADY HAS TWO OR MORE LIVING CHILDREN. A FEMALE EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE HAVING MORE THAN TWO LIVING CHILDREN WILL ALSO NOT BE GIVEN MATERNITY LEAVE.

5. RAO SAID OTHER EMPLOYERS IN THE STATE MIGHT BE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE SIMILAR MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE FAMILY PLANNING.

6. COMMENT. OUR BEST FAMILY PLANNING CONTACT STILL HOLDS THE VIEW THAT COMPULSORY STERILIZATION IS NOT LIKELY IN THE SOUTHERN STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR THE REASONS REPORTED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THAT WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE MORE INCENTIVE AND DISINCENTIVE PROGRAMS ESPECIALLY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. SIGNED MCCASKILL

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